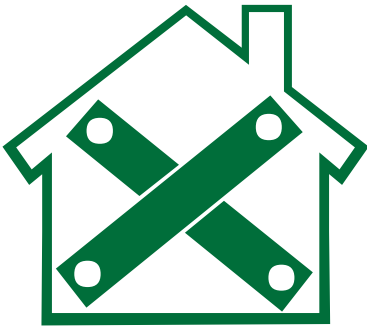


What is Congress doing about the

SubPrime mortgage CRISIS

H.R. 3915



IN MISSOURI'S FIFTH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3031

**HOME
FORCLOSURES
IN 2008**

1276

**HOMES CURRENTLY
IN FORCLOSURE**

345

**HOMES IN
LEE'S SUMMIT
ARE CURRENTLY
IN FORCLOSURE**

110%

**MORE HOME
FORCLOSURES
IN THE LAST YEAR**

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MORTGAGE REFORM & ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING ACT

We are currently in a serious national crisis with regard to mortgages and homeownership. Day after day, news organizations across the country report that after years of a housing and credit boom, the tide has shifted and now thousands of American families find themselves in mortgages they cannot afford facing foreclosure and the loss of their homes.

H.R. 3915 is bipartisan legislation that was passed by the Financial Services Committee by a bipartisan vote of 45 to 19, on November 6, 2007

Registers Mortgage Originators to Prevent Abuses:

H.R. 3915 will require originators to be part of a national registration system, either through the states or the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Ensures Responsible Lending: Mortgage originators will be required to provide full disclosures and present consumers with appropriate mortgages.

Prevents Abusive and Discriminatory Lending: H.R. 3915 will prohibit the undisclosed and unfair compensation schemes that disadvantage borrowers, and require regulations to prevent steering for subprime loans.

Holds Wall Street Accountable: This bill contains unprecedented federal consumer protections that will subject Wall Street firms to liability if they buy, sell and securitize loans that consumers cannot repay. They will be held accountable.

Establishes a National Standard for Liability: The current patchwork of state laws across the country has led to a lack of clear accountability in the lending process. H.R. 3915 will establish a national standard regarding assignee and securitizer liability, requiring that the borrowers have a reasonable ability to repay and ensuring that there will be a net tangible benefit to the borrower.

Protects Tenants: This legislation will provide protections for renters so that they receive proper notification and are given time to relocate before the home they rent is foreclosed.

Provides Consumer Protections for High Cost Loans:

Enhances consumer protections for "high-cost loans" under the Home Owners Equity Protection Act by lowering points and fees and interest rate triggers prohibiting practices that increase the risk of foreclosure such as balloon payments, encouraging a borrower to default; and requiring more pre-loan counseling.